Movie Night

WHEN: Tonight
WHERE: ECS 125
WHAT: Movie (you should have figured that out on your own)
HOW: Bring movies
FREE POPCORN!

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Scan this with your phone, webcam or anything to get the digital copy of the fishwrap.

Engr Soccer Recap

It was a long and hard match, but unfortunately the Rigid Members couldn’t pull out the win in the first round of Uvic Wednesday Soccer Intramural Playoffs.

The teams went to penalty kicks to decide this merciless stalemate, but unfortunately for the Members, the opposition’s tender was just too nimble. Despite a valiant effort by all involved, the enemy prevailed.

Thank you to all who came out this season, it was tough, but it was Rigid.

B-Kelly

Pic of the Week

HEARD A PROF OR STUDENT SAY SOMETHING FUNNY? EMAIL QUOTES TO FISHWRAP@ENGR.UVIC.CA

“I was really impressed, no one was close to the average, you either did well or you didn’t”
- Professor Firmani, Mech 335

“If you’re wondering why I’m looking at the board funny, its because there’s little red stars dug into the board. They kind of look like pentagrams.” - Dr. Willerth, Mech 390
Mark your Calendars!

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NOTES / COMMENTS:

Mark your Calendars!

Girl’s Night Recap

Wood Stove Challenge

The Alliance for Green Heat has launched a Next Generation Wood Stove Design Challenge. The goal is to improve existing wood stove technology and make it cleaner, more efficient and more affordable. The competition is open to anyone including stove manufacturers and engineering students. First place receives $25,000 and will have their design covered in Popular Mechanics. The Alliance is currently looking for sponsors to help cover the costs for a university team.

More info is available on their website: http://www.forgreenheat.org/stovedesign.html

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Twas an illustrious, yet dubious week - filled to the brim with debauchery, indignation, diesel-dipped weasels, and many more cavalcores of farm-fresh endeavors.

In thine end, raised by thine own hands, the order sacramentally conjured a stock of over $2800 CAN for the most righteous and true cause of charity for the Queen (Alexandra Foundation). Though the event doth sleep for another blue moon, awaken it will when March 14th beckons again. Pi Pi for now...

**CEC Recap - We CEC’d AYUSS!!!**

For those of you unfamiliar with the topic, the Canadian Engineering Competition (CEC) is an engineering competition that spans all the engineering schools in Canada. To compete at CEC, your team must place in the top two at WEC, our regional competition. This year, 6 UVic’ers had the chance to compete in CEC including myself, Stephen Lyon, and a valiant team of first years including Brady Planden, Jay Matlock, Chris Stavast and Ty Wilkinson.

Two weeks prior to today, we made the long trek to UBC to prove to the rest of Canada that WESST is best! The competition proved to be quite eventful, with much time spent networking with sponsors, socializing at local night venues, trying to learn engineering songs en francais, and of course fiercely competing to bring home gold. On Friday night, the Order of Pi joined us briefly to pie the current president of the CFES. The only thing lacking from the competition was the time to get some good old shuteye. Our UVic’ers were quite successful in the competitions as well. Our first year team competed in the junior design competition, where they successfully designed and built a system to solve a thermodynamics problem.

Stephen and I competed in an engineering communications competition which involved a public speaking presentation on Wave Energy Conversion. We were quite successful, but to avoid boasting, I’ll leave it to the editors to say just how well (PRETTY DAMN WELL!!). After four days and nights of shenanigans, we returned home to Victoria tired, plus a few new friends and experiences, and still clueless to what all the Quebecers’ had been talking about all week.

~ Brandon Nikolaisen
An Interesting Story about America, Guns and Air Conditioners.

How many of you have heard of John Wilkes Booth? How about Lee Harvey Oswald? I’d bet most of you have, but how about Charles J. Guiteau? Leon Czolgosz? For those of you who don’t know, they all shot and killed a president of the United States, and all for various reasons. John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln for being a Yankee in 1865, Guiteau shot President Garfield in 1881 because he was disgruntled and/or crazy, Czolgosz was an anarchist who assassinated President McKinley in 1901, and let’s not get into the reasons why JFK was shot in 1963.

What about this article is supposed to be interesting?
1) I didn’t (and therefore assume you also don’t) know that there were 4 US Presidents successfully assassinated (there were also two assassination attempts resulting in injury, and over 14 other attempts and/or plots),
2) I discovered an interesting couple of facts about the assassination I wanted to share, and
3) I need practice spelling assassination.

The cool facts, as promised:

• Lincoln was shot 6 days after General Lee surrendered. His guard was across the street in a saloon (it was noon somewhere…). Booth escaped and was caught 10 days later.

• Garfield was shot on July 2nd, and didn’t die until Sept 19th. In this period:
  - He was looked after by a Doctor whose first name was “Doctor”
  - His room was cooled by one of the modern world’s first air conditioners, consisting of a fan blowing air over 6 tons of ice.
  - The bullet that was lodged in his abdomen was found using by a devise specifically devised for him by inventor Alexander Graham Bell, a devise now known as a metal detector.
  - In this time, doctors did not accept John Lister’s ideas about sterilization, proposed 20 years earlier. Had they, Garfield would likely have lived.

Name that assassin
More assassins...

• McKinley’s first act after getting shot was to prevent his assassin from being beaten to death by his security. Czolgosz was later executed by starvation, as people tried to pronounce his last name for his trial. (srscly though, it was by electric chair)

• McKinley was the last US president to be shorter than average.

• Later, Thomas Edison shipped him one of the world’s first x-ray machines (invented 5 years previously by Wilhelm Röntgen). It didn’t work because he forgot to ship a crucial component.

• McKinley also died of infection, as the bullet had ruptured his digestive tract. Before the gangrene became serious, he looked so healthy his vice-president (Theodore Roosevelt) left his bedside to go on vacation.

• The best surgeon around was in another town performing a surgery. When he was interrupted, he told the attendant he would not stop for anyone, even the President. It was after that statement that he was told who had been shot. He finished up his operations and rushed to the president’s aide. He arrived just as another surgeon was sewing McKinley up.

• James Tague was injured by a bullet fragment while standing 82 meters away from JFK’s car.

• JFK was shot by aliens.

~Nigel Syrotuck

Name that assassin
**M&Ms: A lesson in natural selection**

Whenever I get a package of plain M&Ms, I make it my duty to continue the strength and robustness of the candy as a species. To this end, I hold M&M duels.

Taking two candies between my thumb and forefinger, I apply pressure, squeezing them together until one of them cracks and splinters. That is the “loser,” and I eat the inferior one immediately. The winner gets to go another round.

I have found that, in general, the brown and red M&Ms are tougher, and the newer blue ones are genetically inferior. I have hypothesized that the blue M&Ms as a race cannot survive long in the intense theater of competition that is the modern candy and snack-food world.

Occasionally I will get a mutation, a candy that is misshapen, or pointier, or flatter than the rest. Almost invariably this proves to be a weakness, but on very rare occasions it gives the candy extra strength. In this way, the species continues to adapt to its environment.

When I reach the end of the pack, I am left with one M&M, the strongest of the herd. Since it would make no sense to eat this one as well, I pack it neatly in an envelope and send it to M&M Mars, A Division of Mars, Inc., Hackettstown, NJ 17840-1503 U.S.A., along with a 3x5 card reading, “Please use this M&M for breeding purposes.”

This week they wrote back to thank me, and sent me a coupon for a free 1/2 pound bag of plain M&Ms. I consider this “grant money.” I have set aside the weekend for a grand tournament. From a field of hundreds, we will discover the True Champion.

There can be only one.

~discovered by Nigel on the interwebs
**Textbook prices:**

I always hear a few arguments for the high prices. Such as: Fancy colour graphics are expensive to print. Assuming around 10 cents per page, my fluids textbook (at ~1000 pages) should only be $10 in print costs. How about another $10 for fancy binding and cover. That totals $20. Am I to assume that the other $200 (its a $220 textbook) is for royalties?

Another interesting justification for high prices, is that the used book market for textbooks is different than that of normal book markets. Most people will sell their used textbooks, however, you are less likely to go sell your copy of Harry Potter. Therefore, the publishers and authors will make money during the first semester of a textbook’s release. However, every subsequent semester, students will just go buy used books and suddenly there is no revenue for the publishers or authors.

One of professors’ supervisor wrote a textbook that went on the market for about $120. He only received $1.50 per book. He would have been better off selling online copies at $10 a copy.

Why release a new edition every year? First year calculus was invented 300 years ago. What are the authors changing??? There is no need to waste money rewriting a textbook if there’s nothing wrong with it. If it ain’t broke don’t fix it!

Also, textbooks don’t follow the usual market forces of supply and demand. The demand is artificially controlled by profs requiring a textbook for your course. And those profs are likely influenced by publishing companies. The supply is then provided by the publishing companies…so if the publishers control both the supply and demand, they must do pretty well.

Well, regardless of the price, we do need textbooks. I’m going to go read/sleep on a textbook. Hopefully learning through osmosis.

~D Fresh

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**More quotes...**

“WHY DID THE NEGATIVE SIGN DISAP-FUCKING-PEAR?!” (A raging elec student)

“They’re people who dress up in fur suits. All the time. For fun” - Tom Gracie
“Sexy fun?” - Peter Root (*excitedly*)

“Can you force your girlfriend to do whatever you want her to do? It depends how strong she is.”
-Adam Zielinski, Elec 330

“Don’t panic. Be cool like cucumber.” -Adam Zielinski, Elec 330
The Laundry Debacle

“Since when did society decide that we had to wash a shirt everytime we wore it? If it’s not dirty, I’m going to wear it again” - Jacks Mannequin.

I’ve noticed that in engineering there are 3 types of people:
1. Those who wear the same outfit EVERY single day to school, but nobody notices because it is a very plain and standard outfit (navy uvic hoody, blue jeans, you know who you are)
2. Those who wear the same jeans everyday, but alternate their shirts
3. Those who have several outfit options and are smart enough to alternate it throughout the week

Choosing what to wear and when to do your laundry is one’s own personal business and own choice, but I’m bringing up this up because a friend complained to me the other day that her landlady was raging at her because of the amount of laundry she did. Apparently she was doing about 3 loads a week. I’m like “HOW?? YOU ARE ONE PERSON!!” And she said “Well I can’t fit all my 7 school clothes, home clothes, bathrobes, jackets and underwear in one load can I?” (WTH, why would someone have 7 bathrobes??)

I don’t understand why someone would wash clothes that often. It’s not only a waste for the environment and unnecessary, but it’s probably not good for the clothes. I wear my jeans at least 6 times before I wash it (unless they get dirty) otherwise the colour fades and they get too paper-crisp.

For those who don’t know anything about laundry etiquette, or who want to learn some real life skills, here is a list I’ve compiled to help you through those times when you are standing in front of the laundry machine scratching your head.

1. It is never appropriate to think that just because you turn your underwear inside out you can wear it again.
2. All underwears and undershirts should be only worn once, unless you enjoy smelling bad.
3. For the sake of others, socks should be changed 3-7 times a week depending on amount of sports and sweating done in those shoes.
4. Jeans can be worn repeatedly until they get soiled/stained/dirty, unless you prefer a really washed out look.
5. If the clothing is an exterior like a hoody, jacket, sweater, it can be worn multiple times as it is not soaking in bodily sweat.
6. If you are wearing something flashy or super stylish, do not wear it two or more days in a row!!!! Bad!! People will notice and think you are not washing your clothes.
7. If you are one of those people who have 3 of the same outfits that you repeatedly alternate, I suggest buying some different clothes so people know you are actually changing your clothes and washing them.
8. If in question, think about what your grandma would do

~ Laundry Girl
Sleep is for the...

weak? Well that seems a little silly. A wise bathroom stall advertisement once told me that 8 cups of coffee does not equal 8 hours of sleep. I wholeheartedly agree. I feel that 4 cups can easily replace 8 hours of sleep. But that's just semantics.

Why do we sleep? I feel like I don't accomplish very much when I sleep. I just lie there doing nothing. (Engr 297 was almost more productive) I know I need to sleep, otherwise I feel like crap. Some say our body's time to "repair itself" and "catalog" memories. Most admit that we have no clue. All I know is that I lose 6 hours a day because my body wants me to lie there and do nothing.

Imagine all of the things you could accomplish if you didn't sleep...it's sad that the only examples I can think of relate to finishing engineering projects. I'd have so much free time if I finished my projects early. I could do non-engineering things! or I could sleep in every day!... oh wait.

Maybe one of the reasons we sleep is to take up time. Lots of people already have too much free time on their hands. (just look anywhere on the internet) Imagine giving them another 8 hours a day. There would be so many more cat pictures. Oh the horrors.

Anyways, hopefully I get more than 8 hours of sleep this week, but that's engineering for you.

~D Fresh.

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Sidney Crosby’s second return from injury this season due to concussion like syndromes has had a much more profound effect than just helping end the Penguins winning streak. His return signals a change of pace for the various awards given out at the end of the year and some experts are predicting Crosby could potentially sweep all of the awards.

My source among those who vote for the award winners has told me that Crosby is a lock for the Hart, easily beating out teammate Evgeni Malkin and the stunningly handsome brick wall the Rangers call a goaltender. The Hart is not the only award that Crosby seems to be up for. Hockey Writers are praising Crosby’s sportsmanship as he is taking less shifts than he normally does freeing the ice time up for his teammates. Furthermore the fact that he hasn’t had a penalty since November is giving him serious consideration for the Lady Byng, awarded to the leagues most gentlemanly player.

After Crosby’s first game back, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman held a press conference announcing the season has finally resumed, thanking everyone for their patience over these tough last few months. In a short question period he addressed Crosby’s first game back, specifically his second assist, one that was given to him after the game had ended, by remarking “the replay clearly shows Crosby got his stick on the puck”. He continued on saying they have “every intention of doing a full analysis of every Penguins goal this year” adding that “Crosby could see upwards of 100 points added to his current total”.

Even without the addition of these extra points, many still believe Crosby is the new front runner for the Art Ross trophy as well. Though he was held scoreless against Philadelphia he remained positive about the rest of the season. One skeptical reporter asked how Crosby is going to manage score enough points to win the scoring title before Crosby pointed out he still has two games against the Islanders remaining.

Though it has not come from any mainstream media sources yet, my insider at the NHL head office reports that Bettman is expected to make a major announcement regarding the Stanley Cup playoffs. Though one can only speculate what the announcement may be it is expected that Sidney Crosby will be named playoff MVP and the Pittsburgh Penguins will be crowned Stanley Cup Champions.

Pens FTW.

~Ryan Petty
Engr Scopes

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You will go to bed dead...
but will wake-up alive the
next morning

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Soooo... how about them St.Louis Blues eh???
Even I didn’t see them coming

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Trolling is a art one must learn to
appreciate, they’re is only so much
time to enjoy though

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
Want a more exciting week?
freeze fruit punch into cubes
instead of water, then put that in
your milk

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
We pie’d your twin by accident last
week... it will be looking for you
and it is not farm-fresh happy!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
I was going to put something
helpful and informative here but I
just cannot get-over how fucking
awful Rick Santorum is

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
If you have not been fresh’d by Doug-
las yet, take a number and wait... he is
a busy man

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
You don’t have to hide it: take a deep
breath, put the cd into the boombox,
enjoy Backstreet’s Back alright?!?!?

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
We both know you aren’t reading
this as you are playing “Drawsome-
thing” instead.
The answer is Metroid.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
The saddest part about summer: nobody
notices how attractive your glowing
body is in the dark nearly as much.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
“THE IIIICCCEEE.... IS
GOONNNNA BRRREEEEE-
AAAKKKKKK!!!!!”

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
If you need to release your anger upon
the world, create an account on red-
dit and flame the Mass Effect 3 ending
boards - that should cheer
you up

Drawings courtesy of P. Gordon

Co-op/Career Opportunity

ANDRITZ AUTOMATION Ltd. is holding an information session on Wednesday, March 28 at 1:30 PM
in ECS 660. Pizza and pop provided. We are currently looking for qualified new grads and co-ops in the
electrical and computer engineering disciplines for our Nanaimo, Richmond, Prince George, and Terrace
offices.

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Sudoku

Same rules as normal sudoku. All numbers 1-9 in each row, column and box. Except, now the numbers inside each dotted box must also add up to the little number in the corner.
NYAN NYAN NYAN NYAN NYAN NYAN NYAN NYAN NYAN!

Formal Fridays

Don’t forget to dress up this Friday. You’ll look good and get a free slushy. Formal slushy eating is awesome.

From the Editors

Ebes: I CAN’T SLEEP AT NIGHT

The awkward moment when your sarcasm is so advanced that people actually think you are stupid.

~D Fresh

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...TEBOW TIME HAS EXPIRED!!!

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